

To whom it may concern,

The NAB's petition and their complaints are based solely on one thing: profit. Organizations who are members of the NAB are afraid they will lose listeners to XM, lowering their ratings, and reducing the fees stations can charge advertisers for air time. Well they should be afraid of losing their listeners. XM Satellite Radio is not going to be an alternative to traditional radio, it is destined to be the new standard. XM fulfills that rarest of promises: giving consumers both quality and quantity, with no compromises. Rather than improving stagnant programming and outdated management strategies, traditional radio organizations instead seek only to maintain the status quo. Instead of giving their listeners a superior product, members of the NAB seek to eliminate their competition, thus negating the need on their part to produce a superior product. The last time I checked, this was called a monopoly, and it was illegal.

This petition is made even more ridiculous by the fact that Clear Channel Communications, one of the world's largest radio conglomerates, is a key investor in XM. This is cutting off the nose to spite the face.

The options XM provides to their customers are key to the US maintaining an open media market. But aside from the freedom of choice that XM represents, their local programming options give people what they want to hear when they want to hear it. It would be unfortunate if a major traffic report or a hurricane warning was delayed based on ad revenue.

Hopefully, the FCC will see its way clear to realizing the pointless nature of the NAB's complaints, and decide to uphold the free spirit of the US media rather than kowtow to the power of special interest groups. Only time will tell.

Thank you for your time,

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